



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: RCE**  
Norihito SHIMONO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2002\_0055A  
Serial No. 10/048,063 : Group Art Unit 1618  
Filed January 28, 2002 : Examiner Micah-Paul Young  
SOLID PREPARATION CONTAINING : **Confirmation No. 8747**  
CHITOSAN POWDER AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME :

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO 23-0975

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 12, 2007, the time for response being extended by one month in accordance with a petition for extension and an RCE submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: